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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, October 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	November 20, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Mucha, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
Kyla Gleockler, Public Member **Vice President**
Dajoun Sewell, Public Member, **Secretary**
Precious Benson, Public Member
Daphne Warner, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III
Shauna Slaughter, Deputy Director
Kathleen Ridell, Investigator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Brittingham, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Gloria M. D'Amore, Court Reporter of Wilcox & Fetzer LTD
Angie Kogut, Deputy Attorney General
Stacey Stewart, Deputy Attorney General
Gary Alderson, Esq. of Elzufon Austin Tarlov & Mondell, P.A.
Diana Galaris, LCSW
Eliza Hirst, Esq., Deputy Child Advocate of the Office of the Child Advocate
Norwood Coleman, LCSW, Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services
Dr. Marlene Saunders, National Association of Social Workers, Delaware Chapter
Taylor Waters, DSU Dept of Social Work
Michelle Adams, DSU, BSW Student
Pamela Davis, LCSW
Jane Kung, DSU, MSW Student
Amanda Irving, DSU, MSW Student
Daniel Nyarko, DSU, MSW Student

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mucha called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes for the September 18, 2017 meeting. Mr. Mucha advised that there were a few amendments needed. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Gleockler, to approve the September minutes as amended. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Disciplinary Hearing for Diana Galaris, Case #31-03-15 at 9:08 a.m.

Ms. Kelly advised the purpose of today's hearing for Case 31-03-15 against Diana Galaris before the Board. Mr. Mucha was recused from the hearing. The Board members introduced themselves for the record. Counsel introduced themselves for the record. The State's prosecuting attorney, Ms. Stewart began with a few preliminary matters. Ms. Stewart presented Mr. Alderson with Exhibits for review. The Respondent had no objections to the State's Exhibits. The State entered into the record the following Exhibits:

State Exhibit 1 as a collection of the State's Amended Complaint dated October 19, 2017;

State Exhibit 2 as Galaris's treatment of records for patient SW;

State Exhibit 3 as Galaris's intake and progress notes for patient SW with handwritten notes and narrative transcribed notes;

State Exhibit 4 as Warrant and arrests of SW's guardian which were objected by Respondent; and

State Exhibit 5 as Norwood Coleman's resume.

The preliminary matters concluded.

Ms. Stewart addressed the Board regarding the matter and provided the State's opening argument. Mr. Alderson provided his opening argument.

Ms. Kogut, for the State, called her first witness, Eliza Hirst. Ms. Hirst was sworn in and provided her testimony before the Board. Mr. Alderson cross-examined Ms. Hirst. The Board took a five minute break. The Board went back on the record at 11:11 a.m. The State called Mr. Coleman to testify. Mr. Coleman was sworn in and provided his testimony before the Board. The Board took a five minute break. The Board went back on the record at 12:21 p.m. Mr. Alderson cross-examined Mr. Coleman. Mr. Alderson requested to submit an additional exhibit into the record. The State objected to the Respondent's entry of those documents. Mr. Alderson entered into the record Respondent Exhibit 1 as the DFS report to Hotline Family Abuse. The State redirected with Mr. Coleman responding. The Board questioned Mr. Coleman. Mr. Alderson cross-examined Mr. Coleman. Mr. Coleman was excused from the hearing. The Board recessed for 45 minutes.

The Board went back on the record at 2:46 p.m. The hearing resumed with Mr. Alderson cross-examining Ms. Hirst. Ms. Hirst provided additional testimony. The State cross-examined Ms. Hirst. The Board questioned Ms. Hirst. Mr. Alderson admitted into evidence for the record Respondent Exhibit 2 as a DFS investigative interview dated September 25, 2014. The Board took a five minute break. The Board reconvened at 4:07 p.m. and determined to continue the hearing until October 25th at 9 a.m. The hearing is hereby concluded until October 25th at 9 a.m.

Signing of Order Lifting Probation for Christine Caputo

Ms. Kelly advised Ms. Caputo has complied with her consent agreement therefore her probation is now lifted and the order will be signed next month. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Sewell, to lift Ms. Caputo's probation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Request from Pamela Davis for Updated PDP

The Board reviewed and considered the request submitted by Ms. Davis. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Benson, to approve the updated supervisor for Ms. Davis for her professional development plan. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

JSC Legislative bill update

Ms. Kelly advised that Ms. Holly Wagner will be providing the revised legislative bill update at the Board's November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Application(s) to Sit for ASWB Clinical Exam

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded Ms. Warner by to ratify the below application(s) to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Jordan Holly Lauren Allen Nikki Harris-Glover Anna Soo

Ratification of Application(s) by Reciprocity or Initial Licensure Exam Passed

Ms. Warner moved, seconded by Ms. Sewell, to ratify the below application(s) for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Kely Bisaha Pali Payne Nicole Thompson Rebecca Kiersznowski

Status of Complaints

Complaint #31-04-17 – Closed by the Investigator

Review of Audit for Elizabeth Clapham, re: Ethics course

Ms. Kelly advised that Ms. Clapham reached out to the Board regarding a postponement to her audit and requested that this discussion be delayed until a later time as she is waiting for additional information from instructors regarding her ethics course as well as the official certificate. Ms. Clapham's request will be added to the November agenda for the Board to review.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for review.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Benson advised that she will be attending as the funded delegate for the ASWB annual board member training in November.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The Board will meet on October 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. for the continuance of the hearing for Diana Galaris in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Warner moved, seconded by Ms. Gleockler, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole M. Williams
Administrative Specialist III
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.